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The references cited on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08A may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application and are, therefore, submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 CFR 1.56. It is respectfully requested that the references be considered and made of record in the application identified above.

The references were cited in Office Actions dated April 19, 2005 in related patent application numbers 10/068,039 and 10/068,047, both filed on February 5, 2002.

This statement should be considered because it is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action after the filling of a request for continued examination under §1.114.

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